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PATENT APPLICATION

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the March 13, 2009 Office Action, reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks. Claims 1-36 are currently pending.

Claims 1-3, 6, 7, 10, 13-16, 18, 19, 22, 24, 29 and 32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Kitajima (U.S. Patent No. 6,057,916) in view of Hardy et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,474,467); claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Kitajima in view of Hardy and further in view of Neal et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,376,819); claims 4, 20, 21, 23, 31, 35 and 36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Kitajima in view of Hardy and further in view of Yertoprakhov (U.S. Patent No. 6,476,943); claims 8, 9 and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Kitajima in view of Hardy and further in view of Neal et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,184,974); claims 11 and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Kitajima in view of Hardy and further in view of Kaplan (U.S. Patent No. 4,290,043); claims 12, 27 and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Kitajima in view of Hardy and further in view of Shirai et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0024270); and claims 17 and 33 are